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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO 1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed. Also enclosed is a copy of the German Search Report.

Reference DE 196 32 690 and the English Abstract attached thereto disclose a fuel tank ventilator for a vehicle.

Reference DE 43 12 374 and the English Abstract attached thereto disclose a ventilation and venting device of a vehicle fuel tank.

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Reference FR 2 774 951 and the English Abstract attached thereto disclose a fuel system with a vent system to assist filling and to prevent excess internal pressure.

Reference DE 195 23 645 and corresponding U.S. Patent Application No. 5,730,183 disclose a valve for venting a container.

Reference AT 003 803 discloses a float valve for a fuel tank of a motor vehicle.

Reference FR 2 262 609 discloses a ventilation valve for a fuel tank of a motor vehicle which prevents pollution.


It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that the copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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